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SUBJ: FURTHER PRESS COMMENT ON TRADE BILL

REF: MOSCOW 15553

1. BOTH PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA COMMENTED OVER THE WEEK-END ON HOUSE TRADE BILL VOTE. IZVESTIA DECEMBER 15 COMMENTARY BY SAGATELYAN STRESSES DAMAGE TO U.S. OWN INTERESTS, DRAWING HEAVILY ON CRITICAL AMERICAN PRESS REACTION. SAGATELYAN MAKES SAME POINT AS INITIAL TASS REPORT (REFTEL) THAT HOUSE DECISION WAS CONTRARY TO ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND NOTES THAT SENATE MUST STILL CONSIDER THE BILL. HE SAYS EVEN NEW YORK TIMES UNWILLING PREDICT OUTCOME IN SENATE. CLAIMING THAT U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE HAS WITHSTOOD SERIOUS TEST IN PAST TWO MONTHS (AN ECHO OF BREZHNEV'S JUDGMENT ON MIDDLE EAST EXPRESSED IN NEW DELHI SPEECH), SAGATELYAN ASSERTS THAT HOUSE VOTE EXPOSES THOSE WHO SHOUT "HUMAN RIGHTS" TO MASK AIMS OF RETURNING TO COLD WAR. PRAVDA WEEKLY INTERNATIONAL REVIEW DEC. 16 TREATS SUBJECT MORE BRIEFLY, REINFORCING POINT THAT U.S. HURTING ITSELF AND

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OBSERVING THAT TRADE HAS BEEN DEVELOPING SUCCESSFULLY TO DATE.

2. COMMENT: WE REGARD FOREGOING COMMENTS AS NOTABLY  
RESTRAINED, PARTICULARLY SINCE ONE COMES FROM A POISON  
PEN ARTIST SUCH AS SAGATELYAN. DESPITE THE LINE THAT  
U.S. WILL SUFFER MORE THAN USSR FROM TRADE DISCRIMINA-  
TION, THERE IS AN EVIDENT EFFORT NOT TO DRAW SWEEPING  
CONCLUSIONS UNTIL THE FINAL DECISION IS REACHED IN  
CONGRESS.  
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